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NEWS RELEASE

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Judiciary Offers Free Seminar on Consumer Alert and Scams

The Hawai`i State Judiciary is sponsoring a free public informational session, "Consumer Alert: Scams and Breach of Contracts," from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2002, in the Supreme Court Courtroom, 417 South King Street.

Stephen Levins, acting executive director of the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP), will provide information to help consumers avoid unfair or deceptive practices. Attendees will also learn how to file a complaint, what happens after a complaint is filed, and other tips on how to avoid common consumer mistakes.

The OCP is the state agency primarily responsible for enforcing Hawai`i's consumer protection laws. Levins has been with OCP since 1990, where he has recovered millions of dollars in restitution for Hawai`i consumers. Previously, he practiced as a prosecutor and civil trial attorney for the City and County of Honolulu and as a civil litigator with a Honolulu law firm. He holds a juris doctor degree from Temple University School of Law.

The "Lunch 'n' Learn the Law" program is a series of free informational seminars for the general public featuring topics relating to specific areas of the law and the courts. Volunteer presenters include judges, attorneys, court officials, and other subject-matter experts.

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